(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The National Commission on Farmers have recommended, *inter alia*, launching of a programme for rebuilding water bodies with the objective to secure water and food security in the country. The Commission has further recommended that the best coordinating mechanism for such programmes is through the greater involvement of the Panchayati Raj department so that village communities play a direct and enabling role in the delivery of these schemes.

The aforesaid recommendations made by the Commission are under consideration of the Government. However, there are several programmes already in operation for repairing, renovating and restoring the water bodies; recharging the ground water; and promoting the rain harvesting; and setting up of village grain banks.

Supply of wheat to Gujarat

*328. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:
SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision for increasing the supply of wheat to Gujarat;

(b) if so, the quantity thereof and the time by which it is likely to be given to the State;

(c) whether this increase is going to be met from the wheat imported recently; and

(d) if so, wheather it would be given in the form of flour?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The Government has not taken any decision for increasing the supply of wheat to Gujarat.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.